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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 23, 2003**

Applicant submits the following response in reply to the Office Action mailed on October 23, 2003. If any fees or charges are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to IBM's Deposit Account 09/0461.

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